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The Role and Function of Edgemoor Hospital

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Purpose

The County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency, operates Edgemoor Hospital. This program provides general medical, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services for chronic and convalescent patients who are indigent residents of the county with the goal of maintaining them in the least restrictive setting. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to establish and clarify the role and function of Edgemoor Hospital. By establishing this definitive policy, the Board of Supervisors seeks to provide a guide for future decisions, the decision-making processes and to provide the mechanism for the planning and evaluation of the County's health resources. It is therefore established as a Policy of the Board of Supervisors, that:

Health Mission

The health mission of Edgemoor Hospital is to encourage the development and continued availability of the highest attainable standard for long-term care for its patients, by providing a comprehensive program of general medical, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services.

Goals

The primary goals of Edgemoor Hospital are:

1. To promote the maximum independence of the individual and enhance his or her capacity to engage in activities of daily living.
2. To deliver long-term care services that are available and accessible in a caring, efficient and effective way.
3. To assure that modern facilities and resources are used in the delivery of all services.

Role of Edgemoor

The role of Edgemoor Hospital is to:

1. Provide services for a dependent patient population characterized as manifesting significant signs and symptoms of physical, financial, social and psychological dependency, which are generally beyond the capability of those services available in skilled nursing facilities throughout San Diego county. For those patients sponsored by the Medi-Cal program, such physical and behavioral needs are to be documented

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by the State's approval of Treatment Authorization Requests for placement in the Edgemoor Distinct Part Facility.

2. To maximize revenue through the consolidated license of Edgemoor with the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital or other mechanisms that maintains an appropriate reimbursement level to cover the cost of care.
3. To provide services for special populations, such as end-stage AIDS, Huntington's Chorea, brain injury and persons with both medical and psychiatric care needs, which are not available through other sources.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-06.

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1. Health and Human Services Agency